

RESOLUTION NO. 26-____ It was moved by Commissioner ____ and duly seconded by Commissioner ____ to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly C. Lear has served Arapahoe County with professionalism, compassion and distinction, dedicating more than two decades to the Arapahoe County Coroner's Office; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lear began her service with Arapahoe County in 2004, serving as Forensic Pathologist and Chief Deputy Coroner before being appointed Coroner/Medical Examiner in 2014; and

WHEREAS, as a board-certified physician in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and Forensic Pathology, Dr. Lear brought exceptional medical expertise, scientific rigor and professional integrity to one of the County's most sensitive and essential public service roles; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Dr. Lear has performed thousands of medicolegal examinations, provided expert testimony in criminal proceedings, published peer-reviewed work in forensic and medical journals, and shared her expertise with colleagues locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lear's work has supported families, law enforcement, prosecutors, public health officials and the broader community during moments of profound loss, uncertainty and grief; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lear has helped uphold the independence, accuracy and credibility of death investigations in Arapahoe County, ensuring that residents are served with both professionalism and humanity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lear has been a dedicated leader in child fatality review and prevention, including her service with the Colorado State Child Fatality Prevention Review Team, the Arapahoe County Child Fatality Review Team, and national work related to sudden unexpected death in childhood; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lear has contributed to broader public health and prevention efforts, including work related to preventable deaths, prescription drug abuse, suicide prevention and community education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lear's leadership has extended beyond Arapahoe County through her involvement in state and national forensic pathology communities, where she has represented the County with expertise and distinction; and

WHEREAS, after a career marked by service, compassion, professionalism and dedication to the people of Arapahoe County, Dr. Lear is looking forward to retirement and spending more time with her partner and children; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to express its sincere gratitude for Dr. Lear's years of service and her lasting contributions to Arapahoe County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners honors and congratulates **Dr. Kelly C. Lear** upon her retirement, officially recognizes her contributions during her tenure as an Arapahoe County elected official, and hereby declares her future shall prosper as Arapahoe County has prospered under her dedication and service.

The vote was: Commissioner Baker, __; Commissioner Campbell, __; Commissioner Fields, __; Commissioner Summey, __; Commissioner Warren-Gully, __.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.